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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Kazuyuki MATSUMOTO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3724  
SERIAL NO: 09/964,062 ) Examiner: John Windmuller  
FILED: September 26, 2001 ) **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING A SHEET-SHAPED ) **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**  
MATERIAL

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on May 12, 2004. Applicants submit the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Request for One-month Extension with the required fees, to extend the period of reply to June 12, 2004 (June 12, 2004 falls on a Saturday). Applicants believe this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicants' remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.